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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT: Allegation that Eichmann Is Now a Communist

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation in Paragraph 3.

2. As a result of your talk with Ed Marrow about the allegation that Eichmann is now a Communist, we asked Tom Lucid to go to New York and discuss the evidence in this matter with General Gehlen. He was also asked to take up with Gehlen the possibility that this information could be surfaced. His report is given herewith:

"a. Eichmann's statement that he is now a Communist in political thought and an admirer of Khrushchev appears in a hand-written document that was either written or dictated by Eichmann.

"b. The existence of the document and its contents is supposed to be known only to Servatius, but by a penetration of Servatius' office, Gehlen learned of its existence and its contents. Gehlen informed CIA and Dr. Globke. Obviously someone else in Servatius' office, apparently unbeknownst to Servatius, also is aware.

"c. The document and Eichmann's alleged self-conversion to Communism came into being only since he has been in Israeli captivity. In view of this, it is rather unrealistic to agree with Gehlen when he says that the Israelis are not privy to this turn of events. One can only presume that every action of Eichmann since captivity began has been completely monitored in one fashion or another including sessions with his defense counsel.

"d. Gehlen says he is not in a position to influence Servatius directly since, in view of the German government position on the trial, this would be politically explosive; however, he had hoped to be able to "maneuver" the trial so that Eichmann would make a declaration as to his present political leanings. This hope has been abandoned at present for it is now "believed" that Eichmann has changed his mind.

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"e. Gehlen could not (or would not) give any further clarifying details except to state that his evaluation of the truth of subject allegation is "A-1".

"f. With respect to the question of how to use this information, Gehlen stated that unfortunately the source and means of acquisition absolutely precludes any surfacing or leaking of the information at this time. He stated that if this were done it would only be attributable to the HND and would directly endanger his own position as its President. He further stated however that if in fact the information does not come out in the course of the defense's case, which is still possible though far from certain, he believes a way can be found to surface the document post-trial. For this purpose, he will have his people immediately review the matter with the view of seeing how the information can best be exploited under the circumstances."

3. In view of the foregoing and in light of negative replies concerning this subject from the Argentine Desk and from Mr. Angleton (who has queried his sources), it is recommended that no further action be taken in this case. A memorandum to this effect addressed to Edward R. Murrow is attached for your signature.

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Chief
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1 Attachment

cc: EDCI